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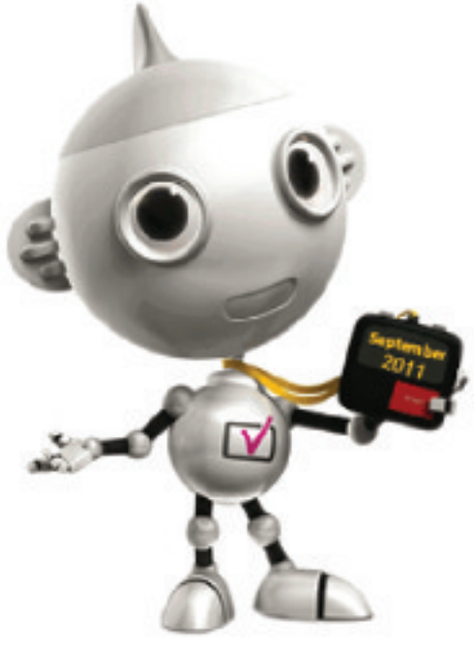

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Third possible site at Horton is identified

New hope for renal unit

Helen Morgan, who recently had a kidney transplant

By Samantha McGregor

WORK to build a £100,000 kidney dialysis centre in North Oxfordshire could start within months.

A third area within Banbury's Horton Hospital has been identified which could be converted into a renal unit for up to 20 patients. Earlier this year the *Banbury Cake* revealed two sites within the hospital had been shortlisted to house a dialysis unit.

These were the old pathology department or former HR department, recently used as a temporary cancer centre while the Brodey Centre was extended.

Plans are now being drawn up for the third area, part of the medical assessment unit, and will go before health chiefs this summer.

A decision could be made by September.

Once a preferred location has been agreed, renovation work is likely to start immediately.

If no major problems are found, patients could be using the unit by the end of the year.

Banbury campaigner Miranda Berry, 51, whose husband, Steven, has to travel a 50-mile round trip to the Churchill Hospital, Oxford, three times a week, said a dialysis centre in Banbury would be life-changing.

She said: "It's brilliant news and would be the best Christmas present ever. It would be life-changing for Steven.

"They can set up dialysis at home in just a few weeks, so it's the same sort of thing really.

"The other week he got really depressed and was refusing to go.

"But having a unit in Banbury will mean he just has to get a taxi or he could even walk to the hospital."

Helen Morgan, 37, recently had a kidney transplant but previously had to travel to Oxford for dialysis.

She said: "It's fantastic news. A lot of people at the Churchill come from Banbury and beyond. It can take them one-and-a-half hours to get there.

"The travelling is actually worse than the dialysis, especially for some of the older people. It really gets them down."

Mike Fleming, director of the Horton General Hospital, said: "We have done a full analysis of the two locations we were previously looking at, and we believe that they both remain suitable.

"However, we have more recently been developing plans to build on the success of our medical assessment unit with the creation of a new and larger emergency assessment unit.

"This is likely to free up some clinical space and this would be a more advantageous area for renal dialysis on the Horton site.

"This new location is now being assessed as a high priority so that we can compare it to the other two possible locations.

"We hope to be able to make a final decision on the best plan very shortly and to start work as soon as possible.

"The trust remains very committed to the development of a renal dialysis unit at the Horton."

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4,000 teachers may walk out over pensions

Strike could close all schools

By Reporter

EVERY school in Oxfordshire may be affected when up to 4,000 teachers walk out in just over a week's time, according to union officials.

Those behind the strike say most of the county's 269 state primary and secondary schools could close – as well as many private schools and colleges.

They claimed the one-day strike on Thursday, June 30, would be the biggest for 25 years as two teaching unions have voted to back the strike action.

Ninety two per cent of the National Union of Teachers members, who voted, backed the strike action to protest against plans to change teachers' pensions.

The Association of Teachers and Lecturers will join the NUT, with 83 per cent of its members who voted also supporting action.

The changes will see newly-qualified teachers contributing £60 a month more to their pensions and retiring at 68. At present, teachers can take pensions at 60.

From April, public pensions started to be linked to the Consumer Prices Index inflation rate, rather than the higher Retail Prices Index.

NUT Oxfordshire official Gawain Little: "I would suspect there would be an impact on every school in Oxfordshire."

The Government's plans will see teachers work longer and pay more into their pension funds, but receive less money on retirement.

Mr Little added: "If you under-fund pensions, you are not going to be able to attract the right people into the profession.

"That will impact on the quality of education provision for our young people, and that is why this is important."

Oxfordshire ATL committee member Frank Havemann said: "It is too early to say which schools will be affected and how."

The National Association of Head Teachers announced that it, too, may consider striking.

No smoke without fire

A 64-YEAR-OLD man's cannabis-growing operation was discovered by firefighters tackling a chimney blaze at his home.

Giles England was found with 28 plants and a kilo of dried cannabis, which he said was grown to produce hemp oil to treat his wife's skin ailment.

He also admitted smoking cannabis to help with his own osteo-arthritis.

Rachel Drake, prosecuting at Oxford Crown Court on Friday, said police were called after firefighters noticed the drugs at the house in Denchfield, Banbury.

The dried cannabis was said to be worth more than £6,180.

The former decorator, said he had not worked for nine years because "there's just not any work available in Banbury".

Recorder Richard Hamlin gave England a two-year community order with 150 hours' unpaid work, a £50 fine and £1,000 costs.

County pledges help to soldiers coming home

By Rhianne Pope

SOLDIERS, veterans and their families watched as Oxfordshire became the first county to sign a groundbreaking military covenant on Monday.

The signing at County Hall saw charities, businesses, communities and individuals come together to pledge their services to help servicemen and their families.

Oxfordshire County Council also promised to spend £100,000 over the next 12 months to help people leaving the services to resettle in Oxfordshire.

Among the watching soldiers was 26-year-old Captain Dan Morgans from the Royal Logistic Corps, based at Dalton Barracks in Abingdon.

He returned from a tour of Afghanistan in January.

He said: "It is nice to be in the area where this is all getting kicked off.

"It is an important recognition of the efforts of what the guys and girls do and what is expected from all of us.

"The support of families is particularly important. They deserve to be looked after."

Corporal Russell Armstrong, chief clerk of the Headquarters 145 (South) Brigade, based in Aldershot, said: "Some people may say these are just big words.

"But to us, it is finally recognition that we are normal people wanting to get on with normal lives, we just do an extraordinary job."

The brigade provided support for servicemen and women in Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Hampshire.

The father-of-four said: "As a family man, I know how hard it is to move around every two to three years.

"You have got the stresses of moving, combined with having to find doctors and dentists for the whole family.

"The military covenant is going to highlight to the whole community that there are these thousands of people living within their own county."

Council tax relief will be increased from 25 to 50 per cent for personnel while they are serving overseas and more Government money will be provided for schools that educate children from forces' families.

A Veteran's Card to offer discounts was also launched.

County chairman of the Royal British Legion, Michael Henderson, said: "If all the counties do this, just think of all the extra money that will be available for soldiers' welfare. I hope others follow suit."

In his speech, defence minister Andrew Robathan also praised the recently-announced new repatriation route for soldiers, despite a campaign against it gathering pace.

Those opposing it are angry the route, due to start in September, will see the corteges leave RAF Brize Norton via the base's east gate – rather than main gate – then skirt the edge of Carterton.

Members of Oxfordshire Officers Training Corps later raised the flag outside County Hall to mark Armed Forces Day.

The Community Covenant is launched by the chairman of Oxfordshire County Council, Patrick Greene at a ceremony outside County Hall

Ex-water park chief faces jail for fraud

THE sacked chief executive of the Cotswold Water Park Society has been warned to expect a long jail term after he admitted fraud totalling more than £661,000.

Dennis Grant, of Upper Tadmarton, near Banbury, admitted five charges of fraud and one of obtaining a money transfer by deception between November 2006 and March 2009.

The charges involve the 63-year-old diverting money due to the Water Park Society to his own bank accounts.

Grant was bailed by Judge William Hart at Gloucester Crown Court on Friday until July 13 for a pre-sentence report, but told him: "You know that you face a substantial prison sentence."

He granted bail because of Grant's early plea of admission. The conditions are that he sleeps every night at his home address, surrenders his passport, does not attempt to go abroad, and reports every Tuesday to Banbury Police Station.

Grant will also have a confiscation hearing under the Proceeds of Crime Act on October 11 for the court to determine what assets are available to be seized.

He denied another charge alleging he obtained £46,500 by claiming that a company called Leisure Promotions Ltd was not connected with him, and thereby receiving that sum into a NatWest bank account in Guildford. His plea was accepted by the prosecution and he was formally cleared of it.

Defence barrister Peter Woodhall said: "He knows he is looking at a term of imprisonment in years."

News in brief

A POSTMASTER in Bloxham has been given a suspended sentence for defrauding his branch of about £15,000. Gerald Ossai admitted fraud by abuse of position while subpostmaster at Bloxham Post Office between April and November 2009.

The 46-year-old, of Portland Road, Milcombe, was given a year in jail, suspended for two years, and ordered to do 200 hours' unpaid work. He must also pay back the money and pay £1,500 costs.

TRAFFIC arrangements for this year's Formula 1 Santander British Grand Prix at Silverstone have been announced by the Highways Agency. The arrangements for the motor-racing Grand Prix on July 8, 9 and 10 will be similar to previous years. The A43 will be closed to through-traffic between M1 junction 15a in Northamptonshire and M40 junction 10 in Oxfordshire. The road will be closed from 5am until 9pm each day and non-race traffic is advised to avoid the area if possible. For further information, visit highways.gov.uk/traffic.

School to academy?

A PRIMARY school in Banbury could be turned into an academy under new plans to drive up standards.

Education Secretary Michael Gove said 200 schools that are below the minimum standards for five years in a row would be taken out of local authority control. Hardwick Primary in Banbury could be among those. It boycotted last year's SATs tests. Less than 60 per cent of its pupils reached Level Four in both English and maths in previous years. The headteacher was not available for comment.

Melinda Tilley, Oxfordshire County Council's cabinet member for school improvement, said: "It has not said what they are going to do about federations, where failing schools linked up with others to drive improvement. I need to see far more detail."

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Police issued an appeal for witnesses last night after two men originally arrested were released without charge.

Det Insp Steve Duffy said: "This was a violent unprovoked attack on two completely innocent men and we need to track down the offenders."

Witnesses should call 0845 8 505 505.

Grandad's walk to help nephew

By Sam McGregor

A PENSIONER is set to walk 40 miles to raise cash to support a youngster's dream of taking his first steps.

Dave Gibbard, 73, will walk from his home in Courtington Lane, Bloxham, to Greatworth and back in 12 hours to raise cash to support his great nephew Ronnie Jacob.

Ronnie, four, was due to jet off to a hospital in St Louis, Missouri, USA, for specialist surgery, followed by up to two years of physiotherapy.

The youngster, from St Mary's Road, Adderbury, cannot stand independently at the moment and needs a frame to walk.

But special surgery which involves removing a vertebra from the bottom of his spine and taking out damaged nerves would give him the best chance of walking independently.

Members of the community rallied round, organising cake sales, a fashion show, a bike ride, jumble sales, runs, parachute jumps and a football match, to help raise the £60,000 needed for the operation and aftercare.

Dad Andrew sold his pride and joy Ford Mustang Bumblebee to raise another £10,000, and a charitable trust is donating the final £26,000 needed to reach the target. Mr Gibbard only took up walking about six years ago and has already raised almost £23,000 for charities.

He hopes to raise about £500 for Ronnie's Journey fund.

Grandfather Mr Gibbard said: "I'm hoping that Ronnie's operation will be a great success and maybe one day he can emulate my walk."

The retired carpenter joiner will leave home about 4.30am tomorrow and he hopes to finish by 4.30pm.

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Dave Gibbard with Ronnie before his sponsored walk

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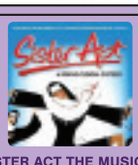

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The price of growing old

Pensioners' rights campaigner Bill Jupp

By Amanda Williams

PEOPLE IN Oxfordshire are living about four years longer than they did 20 years ago, leading NHS chiefs to issue a warning that services could be pushed beyond breaking point.

Men living in the county have added about four-and-a-half years to their life expectancy. Women have added about three years since 1991, new figures show.

NHS Oxfordshire, which pays for county healthcare, said the ageing population was severely "stretching public services" and demand would eventually "exceed supply".

A spokesman said: "The proportion of older people in the population is increasing and the working population will be increasingly stretched to fund public services for the retired.

"Because the proportion of younger people in Britain is falling – compared with older people – demand for informal care by older people is predicted to exceed supply within the next ten years."

The trust warned the number of over- 65s living in Oxfordshire was set to rise from 99,000 to over 111,000 in five years.

> 'Something radical needs to be done to look at the question of being old, and what we can afford'

The spokesman added: "The impact on services will be severe. The current range of services we provide will simply not be affordable."

It is believed people are living longer because of better treatment for conditions such as cancer and heart disease and better access to health care.

But costly illnesses such as cancer, diabetes, strokes and heart disease are all common in older people.

NHS Oxfordshire has estimated that the cost of falls in the elderly alone, which cost £29,000 per fracture, will top £3m by 2016.

Local pensioners' rights campaigner Bill Jupp, 79, said OAPs were upset about being seen by some as a burden on the state.

He said: "All these people are from a generation who have made it through tough times.The 1920s and 30s were grim years and then, those of us who survived, had to fighting a war.

"Something radical needs to be done to look at the question of being old, and what we can afford out of the national kitty."

The figures also show a stark variation between life expectancy for the county's rich and poor.

Oxford life expectancy is 78.9 years for men and 83.4 for women, but this rises to 81.6 and 85.2 for the Vale of White Horse.

Age UK Oxfordshire chief executive Paul Cann said: "The rise in life expectancy is wonderful. Sadly this dividend is unequally shared."

More public cash was needed to "keep people healthy, on their feet, and engaged in work or help in their communities," he said. "It's only a demographic time bomb if we let it tick."

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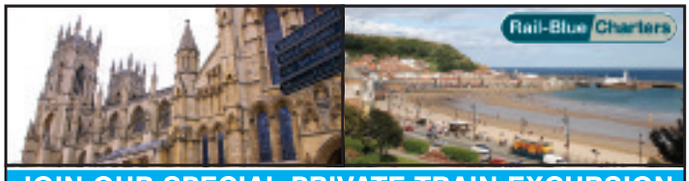

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Big grants boost for charities

By Fran Bardsley

A MAJOR cash boost to a raft of Oxfordshire charities has been described as an "important boost" as fundraisers battle the recession.

Seven local charities were celebrating hundreds of thousands of pounds in Government funding, with many saying the money would help secure services.

Whitehall said the money, from the newly-created Transition Fund, would be aimed at charities fighting the public spending cuts.

Paul Cann, chief executive at Age UK Oxfordshire which will receive £100,655, said: "We are working to secure continuing funding from the county council and health sector to maintain and enhance all our services, which are badly needed by thousands of older people in the county." Oxfordshire Family Support Network will get a £12,500 grant. Spokesman Gail Hanrahan, welcomed the £12,500 grant and said: "The funding will help us to develop our website so that we can market better the support we are offering."

Paul Cann, of Age UK

The OYAP (Oxfordshire Youth Arts Partnership) Trust, which runs arts projects for the most isolated and vulnerable children in the county, received £18,500 from the fund.

The other winners were:
Connexions: £260,000
Donnington Doorstep: £39,500
Oxfordshire My Life, My Choice Association: £38,360
Oxfordshire Family Support Network: £12,500
Young Enterprise East of England: £93,000

New cash to ease 'bed blocking'

A FURTHER £1.5m is to be ploughed into tackling Oxfordshire's chronic bed-blocking problem after an unexpected cash handout from the Government.

Oxfordshire County Council has been given a further £3.7m by the Government and will use £1.5m to ensure services are available so people can leave hospital, freeing up beds.

Yet it admitted the money was a "very small" amount of the whole £257.2m social and communities budget. Users are facing cuts of £37m over the next four years.

Council spokesman Paul Smith said: "We are using the money primarily to help people stay at home, which is an important thing to do in itself.

"But, as a by-product of that, the money could assist the bed-blocking situation."

It was reported in April how county bed-blocking had soared to new highs with patients spending 4,742 days stuck in beds during March alone.

This ranked Oxfordshire the second worst-performing local authority area in Britain, after Birmingham.

It is estimated each blocked bed costs the NHS £500 per person per night.

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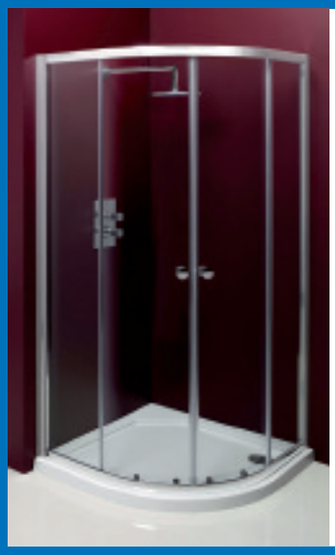

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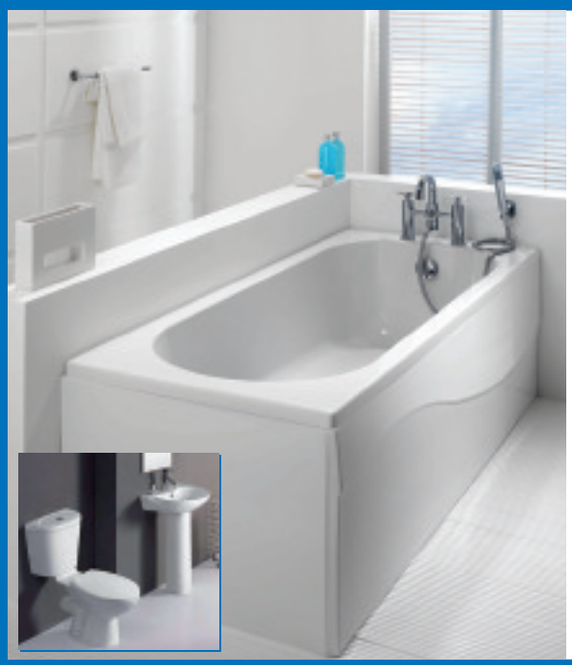

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Patients were 'kept waiting in ambulance too long'

Trust fined £400k over 999 delays

By Fran Bardsley

THE Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals Trust has been fined £400,000 because patients were left waiting too long in ambulances.

Ambulances waited a total of 2,700 hours outside the Horton Hospital, Banbury, and the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, in 2010/11, with an average waiting time of 20 minutes in January.

South Central Ambulance Service fined Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals NHS Trust £400,000 for the delays – £2.44 every minute after 15 minutes.

In 2008/09, the total amount of wasted hours was 2,400, figures released under The Freedom of Information Act show.

Yet hospital chiefs said delays had now fallen to an average of 12 minutes – less than their 15-minute national target.

Hospital trust spokesman Heather Barnett said: "We always have more patients over the winter, but we also had issues with people stuck in hospital beds because we couldn't get them out, for example into social care.

"If patients need to be admitted and we haven't got free beds, it creates a backlog and you end up struggling to get them through the front door."

A South Central Ambulance Service vehicle at Accident and Emergency

She said a new system to identify when patients should be discharged meant staff now had a better idea of when beds would be available.

A quarter of patients now arrive at hospital by ambulance, an increase of three per cent from the previous 12 months.

Ms Barrett said patients should question whether they really need an ambulance before dialling 999.

South Central Ambulance Service NHS Trust spokesman James Keating-Wilkes said: "We are happy that initial signs are encouraging, but need to be assured the system is robust so that delays do not occur in the winter."

He said: "The whole thing is about providing better care to patients, both pre-hospital and in hospital.

"If an ambulance is delayed outside the hospital, it can't be out responding to patients' 999 calls."

Chris Ringwood, spokesman for the North Oxfordshire Patient Voice campaign group, said: "It is a terrible waste of resources if an ambulance has to spend 45 minutes waiting for the patient to be admitted.

"But we need to look at the average wait figures rather than the rather alarmist figure of 2,700 hours wasted."

And the group's Oxford spokesman, Jacquie Pearce-Gervis, said: "It's not like years ago when there used to be ambulances stacking up in the road outside."

The hospital trust has struggled to discharge patients quickly enough and Oxfordshire County Council has been blamed for not having services to take on elderly patients.

But council spokesman Marcus Mabberley said: "Only a small fraction of the current delays in Oxfordshire are down to people waiting for a solely council-funded place in a residential home or nursing home to become available."

News in brief

A CHIPPING NORTON speed camera box was torched alongside the A44 Worcester Road at 2am last Friday. Police are treating the incident as arson. Chief Inspector Colin Paine, area commander for West Oxfordshire, said: "Some people will cheer – but the fact is the cost of replacing it falls to taxpayers." Police have appealed for witnesses. Call 08458 505505 or Crimestoppers anonymously 0800 555111.

MUSIC fans heading to the Cornbury Music Festival at Great Tew at the end of this month can leave their cars at home thanks to a special bus service. Stagecoach will be running a shuttle service between Banbury's railway and bus stations and the festival venue on the Great Tew estate from Thursday, June 30, until Monday, July 4. Special fares will apply on the buses, which will use route No. 490. For more details and timetables, see stagecoachbus.com/oxfordshire

Police issue alert over distraction duo

POLICE have warned people to remain vigilant after a spate of distraction thefts at supermarkets over the past month. A man and woman are approaching elderly people with a large road map and asking for directions, before raiding their cars or handbags while the victim is distracted. Each time money has been immediately withdrawn from a cash point. The woman is described as having blonde hair, 5ft 8ins, aged 25 to 30. The man has tanned skin, short dark hair, is between 5ft1ins and 5ft 4ins, with a slim build. Witnesses, call 08458 505 505.

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THE National Trust's Upton House near Banbury is launching its new sweet shop on Sunday, selling traditional favourites including sugar mice and lemon Bon Bons.
The 1930s mansion of oil millionaire Lord Bearsted is open from 1pm to 5pm, with the gardens open from 11am, and houses internationally important painting and porcelain collections.

FIREFIGHTERS were called to a tumble dryer blaze in Gatteridge Street, Banbury, on Sunday. The fire occurred at about 1.30pm in a first floor kitchen, but was out by the time the fire service arrived. One person suffered from smoke inhalation and was taken Horton General Hospital, Banbury. Firefighters ventilated the home.

Cherwell Supt to tell committee about local successes

MPs' crime-fighting lessons from top cop

By Dan Hearn

A TOP Oxfordshire cop has been asked to tell MPs how to fight crime.

Supt Howard Stone was due to give evidence at a House of Commons inquiry this week on effective policing, after Cherwell division recorded a "significant fall" in offences.

The Home Affairs Select Committee asked MPs to put forward local examples of how to fight crime, and Supt Stone was recommended by Banbury MP Tony Baldry.

Supt Howard Stone

The officer said he was "honoured" by the invitation – and said sharing information with councils, Government agencies and other groups such as Neighbourhood Watch was key.

Supt Stone, local police area commander for Cherwell, said: "I am looking forward to it.

"The reduction we have seen in crime is very much down to the strong working partnerships we have built up with the local authorities.

"A lot of people speak about community partnerships, but in Cherwell they have really worked."

In 1998 to 1999, there were 2,470 recorded serious theft crimes, including burglary, theft of/from a motor vehicle and robbery. But last year, there were 805 – a 67 per cent drop.

And violent crime in Cherwell has fallen steadily, dropping more than 20 per cent in the past 10 years. Overall crime fell from 10,200 in 2008 to 8,821 in 2010.

Supt Stone said: "One of our most successful initiatives has been Jibber Jabber, which is where we send messages to people out and about town at night.

"It uses Bluetooth and we can send an appeal or safety warning to anybody who has their device on.

"It is a very effective way of getting a message out very quickly."

He said: "We also work with a lot of young people who may have become involved in crime, and we believe there is now a generation of people who have taken a more positive path in life."

Mr Baldry said: "It is a fact that crime levels in North Oxfordshire have fallen significantly in recent years.

"There have been real working partnerships, not simply people coming together to pay lip service to partnership.

"I suspect that there are not many parts of the country which have seen such a significant fall in crime levels in recent years, without any increase in police resources."

Between 2008 and 2010, total crime fell from 5,608 to 4,569 in West Oxfordshire, 20,772 to 18,261 in Oxford, 7,369 to 6,993 in South Oxfordshire and from 6,046 to 5,005 in Vale of White Horse.

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BRIDESMAIDS (15, 125 mins) Comedy/Romance. Kristen Wiig, Maya Rudolph, Rose Byrne, Melissa McCarthy, Wendi McLendon-Covey, Ellie Kemper, Chris O'Dowd, Jon Hamm. Director: Paul Feig.

After months, if not years of meticulous planning and agonising decisions about the tiniest details, it's ironic that abiding memories of a wedding can often be completely out of the control of the bride and groom.

The dress might be stunning, the cake heavenly and the reception organised with military precision, but the big day can easily become a big disaster thanks to bad weather, unexpected ill health or the rapidly deteriorating sobriety of the best man.

In 2009, cinema audiences shared in the pain of one groom-to-be as he overcame an almighty *Hangover* to make it to the church on time.

Now, we're witnesses to the devastation wrought by a blushing bride, her maid of honour and four bridesmaids in Paul Feig's raucous comedy of errors, which proves that anything the guys can do, the gals can do better.

Bridesmaids is smarter, funnier and emotionally deeper than *The Hangover*, introducing us to a menagerie of neurotic, self-obsessed yet ultimately loveable ladies, who are one extra spicy Mexican meal away from catastrophe.

Kristen Wiig and Annie Mumolo's script is an embarrassment of hysterical riches, anchored by winning performances from a talented ensemble cast, who throw vanity to the wind and humiliates themselves for our delight.

It's hard to imagine a more uproarious and satisfying comedy all summer, perhaps all year.

Annie (Wiig) used to own her own bakery but she has fallen on hard times and now works as a jewellery saleswoman.

She assuages the pain with occasional no-strings-attached sex with handsome oaf Ted (Jon Hamm), who clearly has no intention of settling down.

Best friend Lillian (Maya Rudolph) reveals she is getting married and asks a clearly delighted Annie to be maid of honour.

Without two dimes to rub together, organising a bridal shower to remember will be tricky for Annie, especially since one of the bridesmaids is socialite wife Helen (Rose Byrne).

Fellow bridesmaids Megan (Melissa McCarthy), Becca (Ellie Kemper) and Rita (Wendi McLendon-Covey) witness the fallout as Annie and Helen vie for Lillian's affections.

Meanwhile, Annie unexpectedly kindles a tender romance with police officer Nathan Rhodes (Chris O'Dowd), who despairs at her antics and correctly surmises, "You're like the Maid Of Dishonour!" *Bridesmaids* is two hours of pure, unadulterated, filthy-minded joy that will have you crying with laughter as it gently tugs our heartstrings.

Wiig is adorable as the architect of her own downfall and on-screen camaraderie between the actresses is completely believable.

McCarthy steals every frame as the voluptuous singleton with dubious dress sense, who stares hungrily at one single guy and snarls, "I'm going to climb that like a tree".

The running time flies by, culminating in a feel-good finale that takes us back to the 1990s.

Cinema

Odeon, Horsefair, Banbury: Bad Teacher, 15, Fri-Mon 9pm, Tue 9.30pm (audio-described). Green Lantern, 12A (3-D) Sat-Sun 12.15pm, Sat-Mon 3, 5.45, 8.30pm, Wed-Thu 9pm, Fri, Tue 3*, 5.45pm*, Fri 8.30pm*, (audio-described). Kung Fu Panda II, PG, Sat-Sun 11.30am (audio-described); (3-D) Sat-Sun, wed-Thu 2pm, daily 4.15pm (audio-described). Senna, 12A, daily 6.30pm (audio-described). Transformers - Dark of the Moon, 12A (3-D), Tue 9pm*, Wed-Thu 1*, 4.30*, 8pm* (audio-described). A Turtles Tale - Sammy's Adventures, PG, Sat 10am entertainment, film 10.30am* (audio-described). Senior Screen: Arthur, 12A, Wed doors 10.15am, film 10.30am* (audio-described. Box office: 0871 224 4007.

The Theatre, Chipping Norton: The Fighter, 15, Sun 7.30pm. Box office: 01608 642350 (Mon-Fri 10-6pm, Sat 10-2pm).

Odeon, George Street, Oxford: Bad Teacher, 15, daily 2*, 4.30*, 7*, 9.30pm*. Bridesmaids, 15, Tue 8.20pm*, Wed-Thu 2.20*, 5.20*, 8.20pm* (audio-described; subtitled Thu 2.20pm). Kung Fu Panda II, PG, Sat-Sun 12pm, Fri-Tue 2.30, 5.30pm; (3-D), Sat-Sun 12.45pm, Fri-Tue 3.15*, 6pm*, Wed-Thu 1.15pm. Senna, 12A, Fri-Mon 8pm. Talihina Sky - Kings of Leon, 15 (tbc), Sat 8.30pm*. The Green Lantern, 12A, Fri, Sun-Mon 8.15pm*; (3-D) Sat-Sun 1pm, daily 3.45, 6.30, 9.15pm (audio-described; subtitled Fri 6.30pm, Sun 1pm, Tue 9.15pm). The Hangover Part II, 15, Fri-Tue 1, 3.30, 6.15, 9pm. Transformers - The Dark of the Moon, 12A, Wed-Thu 12pm, 3.30, 7pm, Wed 10.30pm; (3-D) Tue 9pm, Wed-Thu 1, 4.30, 8pm. X-Men - First Class, 12A, daily 1.45, 5.15, 8.30pm (audio-described; subtitled Sat 5.15pm, Mon 1.45pm). Odeon Kids: Mars Needs Moms, U, Sat-Sun 11.15am*. Senior Screen: Something Borrowed, 12A, Wed 10.45am*. Box office: 0871 224 4007.

Odeon, Magdalen Street, Oxford: Bridesmaids, 15, Sat-Sun 11.30am*, Fri-Tue 2.20*, 5.20pm*, Fri-Mon 8.20pm* (subtitled Sun 5.20pm). Pirates of the Caribbean IV - On Stranger Tides, 12A (3-D) Sat-Sun 11.45am, daily 2.45, 5.45, Fri-Tue 9pm (subtitled Mon 9pm, Wed 2.45pm). The Hangover Part II, 15, Wed-Thu 6, 8.30pm. Transformers - Dark of the Moon, 12A (3-D) Tue 9.15pm*, Wed-Thu 2*, 5.30*, 9pm*. Box office: 0871 224 4007.

Vue Cinema, Grenoble Road, Oxford: Transformers - Dark of the Moon, 12A, Wed-Thu 1, 4.30, 8pm, Wed 11.20pm; (3-D) Tue 9pm, 9.30pm, Wed-Thu 10.40am, 10.50am, 11.30, 1.55pm, 2, 3, 5.10, 5.30, 6.30, 8.30, 9, 10, Fri-Wed 11.50pm. Bridesmaids, 15, daily 12.40pm, 2.25, 6.10, 8.50pm, Fri-Sat, Wed 11.35pm. Kung Fu Panda II, 12A, Sat-Sun, Thu 10.40am, 11.20, 12.55pm, 2, 3, 5.15, 7.30pm, Fri, Mon-Wed 12.55pm, 3, 5.15, 7.30pm. X-Men - First Class, 12A, Fri, Mon-Tue 11.30am, daily 2.50, 8.40pm, Sat-Wed 5.45pm, Fri-Sat, Wed 11.50pm. The Hangover Part II, 15, Fri, Mon-Tue 11.35am, Fri-Tue 1.50pm, 4.10, 6.35, 9.10, daily 9.40, 11.30pm, Fri-Wed 12am midnight. Diary of a Wimpy Kid II, U, Sat-Sun, Thu 10.50am, 1pm. Pirates of the Caribbean IV - On Stranger Tides, 12A, Fri-Tue 11.40am, 2.35, 5.25, 8.20pm, Fri-Sat 11.20pm. Life In A Day, 12A, Mon 9.20pm. Green Lantern, 12A, Fri, Mon-Wed 11.20am, 2pm, Fri-Wed 4.30, 6.55pm, daily 9.30pm, Fri-Sat, Wed 11.55pm. Bad Teacher, 15, Sat-Sun, Thu 10am, daily 12.10pm, 2.30, 4.40, 6.45pm, Fri-Mon, Wed-Thu 9pm, Fri-Sat, Wed 11.10pm. Senna, 12A, Fri-Sun, Tue 9.20pm, Fri-Sat, Mon, Wed-Thu 11.40pm. Kids AM: Arthur and the Great Adventure, U, Fri-Sat, Thu 10.30am. Teen screenings: Thor, 12A, Fri, Thu 6pm. Box office: 08712 240240.

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MAKING MY DREAMS COME TRUE Down to earth, caring female, 37, new to area, from Trowbridge, likes nights in and out, cosy times in, beach walks, searching for my soul mate. **Box 108629 t**

HAPPY GO LUCKY 38yr old lady, 5ft1, size 14. I have 2 sons and would like to meet a happy, laid back guy who likes kids. Devizes. **Box 467878 t**

QUALITY ROMANCE Attractive woman, 40, likes walking, reading, dancing, music, healthy eating, seeks educated, professional gent, for love and romance. Oxford. **Box 102307**

NOTHING MORE TO ASK FOR 43yr old short haired lady, medium build, Wallingford based, loves family life, animals, keeping fit, gardening, cooking, driving, seeks honest, caring man for t/c. **Box 107602 t**

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GIVE ME A CHANCE Divorced single mum, 42, seeking a genuine man, possibly a single dad, for friendship, maybe love. I like walking, cinema, socialising and eating out. Kidlington **Box 456628 t**

HEADLINE NEWS Divorced single mum, 44, enjoys cinema, going out, family life, reading, seeks friendly, understanding guy for friendship, leading to more. Kidlington **Box 100212 t**

HOPEFULLY ROMANCE Lively, black female, 45, 5'6'', cuddly, enjoys reading, animals, walks in the park, seeks sincere, caring man, 45-55 for company and more. Oxford. **Box 104150 t**

CHAT'S ENTERTAINMENT Nice, chatty female, 45, enjoys playing/watching sports, country pubs, walks, travel, seeks understanding man, for good times and more. Swindon **Box 100374 t**

SOMEWHERE OUT THERE Bubbly female, 47, brown hair, blue eyes, from Swindon, likes music, sports, socialising with friends, seeks sincere male, for good company & more. **Box 106707 t**

FOR HAPPINESS Loving, single mum 47, from Swindon, looking for my soul mate, 47-55 to settle down with. **Box 107530 t**

OUR MOMENT Lovely, hardworking, petite woman, 47, likes socialising, city pubs, eating out, seeks similar guy, for fun, laughter & hopefully more. Oxford. **Box 102616 t**

SHARING THE GOOD TIMES Cheerful female, 48, blonde, hazel eyes, medium build, live & work in Swindon, enjoys travelling, dining in & out, wltm spontaneous guy, for good times. **Box 101568 t**

NEW DIRECTION Swindon girl, 48, 5'5'', med build, blonde, enjoys travel, skiing, town life and socialising, searching for an equally interesting man. **Box 108306 t**

PARADISE AWAY Divorced lady, 52, likes cooking, animals, socialising, seeks a sincere gent, to settle down with. Bicester. **Box 105374**

SIMPLY THE BEST Kind, loving, caring, attentive lady, 50, seeks genuine, humorous, adventurous, loving romantic male, 48-55, 6'+, for friendship & relationship. Bicester. **Box 818936 t**

I'LL TREAT YOU RIGHT Separated female, 53, gsoh, likes going out, socialising, music, seeks friendly male, 38-48 for good times and more. Swindon. **Box 104377 t**

MADE TO BE WITH YOU Recently separated lady, 54, seeks a N/S independent man, 40-55 to settle down with. Faringdon. **Box 104887 t**

ANIMAL LOVER Looking for TLC, I'm a 52yr old lady, 5ft5, medium build, I like animals, pubs, gardening, WLTM honest, down-2-earth, like-minded gent, 50-59, for happiness. Devizes **Box 465391 t**

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STILL WATERS Caring, friendly Melksham lady, 55, divorced, pleasant nature, enjoys cinema, bingo and weekends away, looking for a family-minded man, who is sociable and honest. **Box 108845 t**

JUST THE TWO OF US Separated, slim, smart, attractive lady, mid-50's, young at heart, likes meals out, dogs, seeking a friend/soulmate to go ahead with me in life. Marlborough. **Box 463351 t**

STAY FOREVER Divorced Wiltshire female, 55, 5'6'', caring, loving and romantic, loves bowling, beach walks and looking at the stars, seeks an affectionate gent, to share interests and a social drink. **Box 109949 t**

COULD BE YOURS Sincere female, 56, likes evenings in & out, cosy times in, seeks easygoing male, 40-57 for enjoy good times together. Marlborough. **Box 104800 t**

COUNTRY WALK? Easy going lady, 56, 5'7'', N/S, slim, enjoys walking in the countryside and country pubs. Looking for a man to enjoy a take-away and DVD together. Swindon. **Box 100251 t**

LOOKING TO START AGAIN Non smoking petite lady, 55, seeking non-smoking man who's not overweight, and likes pubs, restaurants and quiet drives. Wantage. **Box 465651 t**

LOOK FORWARD IN LIFE Down to earth widow, 57, 5'5'', likes animals, holidays, socialising, cooking, reading, 60-70s music, seeks loving male, 48-60 for a long term relationship. Marlborough **Box 104473 t**

COULD IT BE YOU? Loyal female, young 57, 5'6'', brunette, glasses, easy-going, sociable, likes darts, gardening, music, looking for a man 50-59 for friendship and romance. Trowbridge **Box 464290 t**

COUNTRY LADY Sporty lady, 58, widowed with grown up family. Enjoys walking her 2 dogs and playing bowls for a local team. Seeks similar gent for friendship and romance. **Box 100171 t**

SO HAPPY TOGETHER Loving female, 58, 5'4'', short hair, wears glasses, looking for a long term relationship with a like minded gent, who enjoys the simple things. Bicester. **Box 102344**

NICE COMPANY Attractive female, 58, 5'6'', size 12, no ties, N/S, enjoys socialising, travelling, seeks smart guy with no ties, to enjoy life with. Bicester. **Box 100589**

A TRUE FRIEND Separated, easygoing female, 59, likes cooking, evenings in/out, seeks friendly male, to enjoy life with. Witney. **Box 100451 t**

GENUINE AND CARING Widow, 50's, 5ft6, slender build. I'm social, caring and well travelled, and WLTM genuine, professional guy, a non-smoker, for friendship, maybe LTR. Bicester area. **Box 466487**

OUTGOING & ENTHUSIASTIC? Oxfordshire widow, 58, slender, 5ft6, dark hair, sociable and caring, well travelled, attractive, seeking guy who's caring, professional and considerate. **Box 467516**

COMBINE WITH ME Genuine female, 59, 5'11'', gsoh, Witney based, seeks loving, caring male, for love and romance. **Box 107785**

HAND IN HAND Widow lady, 59, works part-time, enjoys socialising, meeting new people, country walks, holidays, seeks placid gent to enjoy laughter and more. Witney **Box 100300**

ENDLESS LOVE Young 57 from Wiltshire, divorced brunette, n/s, works part time, play darts, love gardening, reading, walking, looking for a gent 49-58, to share life with. **Box 454148 t**

LOOKING FORWARD WITH YOU Petite woman, 60, Oxford based, looking for a new special friend, for activities and possibly more. **Box 108618 t**

GREAT EXPECTATIONS Widow lady, 60, from Witney, enjoys theatre, family life, holidays, seeks genuine gent, for good times and more. **Box 107425**

LIFE GOES ON! Hardworking, fun female, 60, likes reading, walking, cycling, wltm nice, decent, honest chap, for friendship leading to more. Oxford. **Box 101289 t**

FUN TO BE WITH Attractive lady, 5'2'', 58, very social and enjoys nights out and in, weekends away looking for a man with a gsoh who is fun. **Box 458867 t**

STICK WITH ME Kind-hearted, modern, curvaceous, feminine Oxon woman, 61, long hair, blue eyes, likes family life, country, travel, cycling and more, searching for a N/S gent, 55-66, to share life. **Box 109621 t**

CARELESS WHISPER Active, attractive lady, 61, enjoys National Trust, gardening, music, eating out, seeks tall, kind man, for companionship & more. Witney. **Box 105219 t**

READY FOR LOVE Fit 60 year old lady 5ft5in, enjoys dancing, walking, looking for genuine male for relationship in Wilts area. **Box 856443 t**

SOCIABLE SORT I'm looking for a sociable man with an active lifestyle for a LTR. I'm 59, tall and blonde, I like walks, cars and gardening. Swindon **Box 452750 t**

MAYBE THIS IS IT Elegant, single lady, 62, new to area, likes country pubs, theatre, walking, seeks caring male, 45-55 for a lasting relationship. Witney. **Box 103528**

FINALLY YOU'VE FOUND ME Divorced, recently retired lady, 63, N/S, likes walking, reading, cinema, action movies, 60s music, seeks simple gent, to enjoy good times. Oxford. **Box 101791 t**

EACH DAY IS A NEW ONE Widow lady, 63, brown hair, blue/grey eyes, likes walking, reading, watching films, family life, gardening, seeks nice gent, for ltr. Witney **Box 105525**

NEW IN TOWN Easygoing, slim woman, 64, 5'6'', blonde, likes jazz, live shows, reading and walks, seeks down-2-earth male, for genuine friendship and more. **Box 100721 t**

LET'S ENJOY LIFE Smart, active, young at heart female, 64, likes walking, theatre, holidays, gardening, dining out, wltm N/S chap, 61-68 for love & romance. Swindon. **Box 104130 t**

STEP BY STEP A very keen ballroom dancer, 65, 5'3'', slim & attractive, loves to dance, looking for a partner, for fun, laughter and more. Brackley. **Box 101677 t**

SHARE SPECIAL TIMES Cheerful, retired widow, 65, 5'1'', medium, lives in Banbury, loves travel, garden centre, national trust, dining out,seeks lovely gent, 60-65 for companionship friendship. **Box 107036 t**

A WONDERFUL LIFE Retired teacher, 66, 5'6'', dark hair with hazel eyes, slim, from Witney, loves the arts, ballroom dancing, walking my dogs, wltm warm hearted gent. **Box 110189**

HEADLINE NEWS Happy, healthy, intelligent woman, 66, 5'7'', N/S, from Devizes, enjoys gardening, theatre, cinema, holiday and generally nice times. **Box 105353**

DOWN TO EARTH Happy-go-lucky female, young 67, slim/medium build, love walking, cooking, gardening, kisses and cuddles, looking for a non-smoking, clean-shaven man, 59-65, for a relationship. Swindon **Box 454288 t**

FOLLOW YOUR HEART Widow lady, 70, grown up children, still working, loves animals, wltm decent chap, 55-70 for friendship & romance. Trowbridge. **Box 104910 t**

LOOKING TO START AGAIN Mature lady, non-smoker, 5ft4, cuddly build (size 20). WLTM nice, caring, decent man for friendship at first. I like cats and enjoy history and gardening. Swindon. **Box 466370 t**

GREAT COMPANIONS Widow lady, 71, likes animals, music, theatre, wltm easygoing gent, 60-70 for companionship maybe more. **Box 104917 t**

FLOW WITH JOY Attractive lady, 71, fun to be with, likes having a laugh, theatre, holidays, generally socialising, seeks similar chap for companionship. Witney **Box 100184**

COUPLE UP WITH ME Retired nurse, 75, likes reading, countryside, pub lunches, seeks sincere chap, 70+ for true happiness. Oxford. **Box 104960**

DESTINATION HAPPINESS Lady 76, likes animals, walking, holidays, seeks sincere gent, to enjoy these good times with. Faringdon **Box 105561**

MY SIMPLE WISH Sincere female, 76, from Faringdon, likes gardening, walking, cinema, holidays, cooking, wltm gent 68-70. **Box 109439 t**

Women seeking women

ARE YOU THE ONE Easygoing female, 39, 5'6'' brunette living in Devizes, thoughtful, caring, affectionate & young at heart, wltm like minded lady, for friendship/committed relationship. **Box 107470 t**

NOTHING VENTURED... Lady, 49, 5'5'', blonde nurse, seeks similar lady, 44-52 for socialising and fun. I enjoy many things in life in live in the Oxford area. **Box 859689 t**

THAT'S THE SPIRIT Green-eyed girl, young 51, 5'7'', seeks a loving lady, 45-55 ish, looks and status not important, to share honesty and sense of adventure. **Box 101750 t**

LET'S LIVE Friendly, sociable woman, 66, looking for female company, for days out, activities and friendship. Oxford. **Box 100515**

KEEP AN OPEN MIND Retired lady, 67, from Swindon, wishing to meet female friends for days out. **Box 110140**

Men seeking women

WE COULD BE GOOD TOGETHER Down to earth male, 36, enjoys cycling, walking, travelling, seeks laid back female, for good times and more. Swindon. **Box 100773 t**

MORE LOVE Talkative, lively Abingdon male, 38, blond/blue, 5'10'', N/S, into rock music, travel, looking for a lifetime partner, to share a great relationship. **Box 110386 t**

FUN LIKE ME? Well-travelled male, 38, blond/blue, glasses, into sport and travel, looking for a lifetime partner to settle down with. Abingdon/Berks/Oxon. **Box 107513 t**

HEART 2 HEART Sporty, active male, 39, tall with dark hair, own house/car, likes socialising, theatre, social drinks, wltm warm hearted woman, for LTR. Oxford. **Box 101832 t**

CARING SORT Sociable guy, 39, 5'9'', medium build. Very caring with GSOH. Hobbies include watching football and playing golf. Seeks slim to medium female/single mum. **Box 100151**

PERFECTLY MATCHED Honest, sporty single dad, 40, 5'9'', likes to enjoy life to the full, from Woodstock, seeks good natured female, for fun, laughter and more. **Box 106584 t**

MAKE A REAL FRIEND Down to earth male, 41, enjoys holidays, socialising, sports & much more, seeking a nice female, for fun times ahead. **Box 101121 t**

THE BRIGHTEST STAR Smartly dressed chap, 42, 6', stocky build, lives in Oxford, likes dining in & out, keeping fit, seeks smart dressed lady, for ltr. **Box 106368 t**

SOMEONE TO CLICK WITH Honest, genuine N/S guy, 42, 6'1'', medium build, no ties, lives in Swindon, likes theatre, bowling, meals out, seeks single female, for ltr. **Box 107035 t**

ENJOY GOOD COMPANY Honest male, 43, 6'3'', stocky build, gsoh, enjoys sports, travel, cosy times in, social drinks, seeks fun loving female, for happier times. Oxford. **Box 101716 t**

LOOK NO FURTHER Upbeat male, 43, 5'6'', blue eyes, wears glasses, many interest, looking for a lady counterpart, for good company. **Box 105558 t**

MAKE FRIENDS Mixed-race male, 43, smoker, not employed, usual interests, seeking a female, 35-45, for lasting relationship. **Box 101526 t**

THE LONG RUN Mixed-race male, 43, smoker, no ties, searching for a like-minded woman, 35-45, no ties, for nights out and friendship. Oxford. **Box 102570 t**

PART OF YOUR WORLD Genuine male, 44, single dad, likes weekends away, family life, socialising, looking for a outgoing female, for fun, friendship and more. . **Box 103015 t**

SO GOOD TOGETHER Easygoing male, 45, 6'2'', medium build, N/D, likes cinema, meals out, seeks understanding female, for good times leading to more. . **Box 102913**

WE CAN BE HAPPY Fun male, 44, likes meals out, keeping fit, weekends away, 5ft9in, seeking friendship maybe more with someone special. Banbury. **Box 854670 t**

TIME TOGETHER Sincere male, 5'9'', medium build, likes social drinks, watching films and life in general, looking for a similar lady, for friendship and more. **Box 100723 t**

HOPE FOR US Youthful, blue-eyed male, 46, enjoys the gym and good times, searching for a nice, honest woman. Oxford. **Box 100657 t**

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Men seeking men

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Out and about

Music

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Harris Manchester College, Mansfield Road, Oxford: *Summer is Icumen in!* Favourites by Gershwin, Grieg, Handel, Lloyd Webber, and a 13th-century round. 1.30pm. There will be a retiring collection. *01865 271006.*

Wycombe Swan Theatre, St Mary Street, High Wycombe: The Glenn Miller Orchestra. Big band, featuring star musicians who have worked with the orchestras of Benny Goodman, Nelson Riddle, Billy May and Frank Sinatra. £16, £19, concession £14.50, £17.50. 7.30pm. *01494 512000.*

FRIDAY

Waddesdon Manor, Waddesdon, Aylesbury: Jools Holland and his Rhythm and Blues Orchestra, featuring Gilson Lavis with special guest star Sandie Shaw and guest vocalists Ruby Turner and Louise Marshall. Doors 6.30pm, Jools Holland on stage 8.30pm. £35, child £20. All proceeds raised help to support the Music and Arts Festival. *01296 653226.*

GF Club, Spiceball Park Road, Banbury: Music from singer Shayna Q. 9pm. £1. *01295 252852.*

Muskateer, Ruscote Avenue, Banbury: Pete McCray with soul, reggae and more. Everyone welcome. Free admission. 9pm. *01295 269296.*

The Abingdon Arms, High Street, Beckley: The Screaming Weasels. Baron Otis E. Weasel and the excellent screaming weasels band debut here with country, folk, blues and ska. 9pm. *01865 351311.*

SATURDAY

GF Club, Spiceball Park Road, Banbury: Three Minute Heroes. 9pm. £1. *01295 252852.*

The Theatre, Spring Street, Chipping Norton: Midsummer Candlelit Quintet. Join the soloists of Oxford Philomusica for an atmospheric, candlelit performance. Programme includes Rossini, Italian Girl in Algiers overture; Nielsen, Wind Quintet; Gilbert and Sullivan, *Iolanthe* overture; Barber, Summer Music; Debussy, Cakewalk. £15, concession £13. 7.45pm. *01608 642350.*

Sheldonian Theatre, Broad Street, Oxford: Monteverdi: Vespers. Oxford Bach Choir rejoin forces with local specialist ensemble Charivari Agréable, for the Monteverdi Vespers of 1610. Conducted by Timothy Byram-Wigfield, this is a finale to the choir's current season. Soloists: Elenor Bowers-Jolley, Miriam Allan (sopranos), Ben Alden, John McMunn (tenors), and the Quiristers of Winchester College (director: Malcolm Archer). 7.30pm. £10-£30. *0870 60 60 804 and 01865 305305.*

SUNDAY

New Theatre, George Street, Oxford: Ryan Adams. Solo acoustic performance. 7pm. *0844 847 1585 and 1588.*

WEDNESDAY

St Michael at the North Gate, Cornmarket Street, Oxford: Tommaso Starace Quartet in Concert. Alto/soprano Tommaso returns to a favourite venue to perform pieces from album *Blood and Champagne*. The album and his band includes Frank Harrison on piano, Laurence Cottle on electric bass and Chris Nickolls on drums. They will perform music from Michel Petrucciani, Billy Strayhorn, Morricone, Mancini and more of Tommaso's original material. 8-10pm. £10, concessions £8. *07710 545555.*

Theatre

Mill Arts Centre, Spiceball Park, Banbury:

Jun 23, Limehouse Lizzy. Renowned for action-packed pyrotechnic-fuelled explosions they continue to keep the spirit of Celtic rock icon Philip Lynott and band Thin Lizzy alive and well. 8.30pm. £16.

Jun 24, Gordon Giltrap. One of the most innovative acoustic guitarists in the UK, Gordon Giltrap has developed his own unique style. Be awestruck as he coaxes incredible melodies from his instruments! 8pm. £15 (seated).

Jun 29, *Withering Looks*. LipService's Maggie Fox and Sue Ryding reprise their cult Bronte spoof, dusting off crinolines, wear flattering bonnets and sitting at rained-lashed windows in a pale and decorative manner. 7.30pm. £12, concessions £10.

Box office: *01295 279002 (Mon-Fri 9am-8pm, Sat 10-8pm, Sun 11.30am-5pm).*

The Theatre, Spring Street, Chipping Norton:

Jun 23, Richard Herring and Catie Wilkins. Herring is a prolific and original comedian. Join him and the star of ITV4's *Stand-Up Hero*, Catie Wilkins as they preview their new Edinburgh shows. 7.45pm. £10.

Jun 24, Backbeat Beatles. A Beatles tribute band all from the Liverpool area and they perform with an energy, spontaneity and irrepressible scouse wit that makes for a fun, enjoyable evening for everyone involved. 7.45pm. £15, £13 concession.

Jun 25, Oxford Philomusica presents Midsummer Candlelit Quintet. Join the soloists of Oxford Philomusica for this candlelit performance showcasing the versatility and virtuosity of the orchestra's wind section. 7.45pm. £15, £13 concession.

Jun 28, Simple8 presents *The Four Stages of Cruelty*. A new play by Adam Brace and Sebastian Armesto, based on the engravings of William Hogarth (1751). £12, £10 concession, £7.50 schools. 7.45pm.

Box office: *01608 642350, Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10-2pm.*

New Theatre, Oxford:

Jun 24, Jonathan Ansell and friends.

Jun 26, Ryan Adams, an acoustic performance on his first ever nationwide solo tour. Accompanied by three superb tenors and orchestra, Jonathan will be performing G4's greatest hits, along with some of pop and operas most famous songs. 7.30pm.

Jul 1-3, comedy from Lee Evans, *Work-In-Progress*. 8pm.

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Oxford Playhouse, Beaumont Street, Oxford:

Until Jun 25, *Communicating Doors*, by Alan Ayckbourn. Classic comedy thriller starring Liza Goddard, Laura Doddington, Jamie Kenna and Ben Porter. Tickets £9.50-£24.50. Thu, Sat 7.30pm, Fri 8pm, mats Thu and Sat 2.30pm.

Jun 27-Jul 2, *The Lady In The Van*. Alan Bennett has a very unusual neighbour. Parked at the bottom of his garden is a van...with a lady in it. An intelligent and witty drama from the writer of *The History Boys, Talking Heads* and *Habit of Art*, which was a recent hit at the National Theatre. Mon-Thu, Sat 7.30pm, Fri 8pm, mats Thu and Sat 2.30pm. £9.50-£24.50. Post-show talk Wed.

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Old town to host another celebration party

BANBURY'S Old Town attractions will be celebrated again this year in a special street festival.

Last year traders in the Old Town area held a party to mark the £1.5m revamp of the area, which included the pedestrianisation of Parsons Street.

This year's event will take place in on Saturday, July 16, from 11am to 3pm, and coincide with St Mary's Church fete.

Businesses in Parsons Street, Church Walk, Church Lane and White Lion Walk, are expected to be involved.

There will be street entertainment including the Bicycle Piano, Sue Greenway and her Dixie Strollers, and Martin Green on classical guitar.

There will also be dance displays and a show from Cherwell Theatre Company's Liam Nooney and Jim Snee as Holmes and Watson.

Entertainment for youngsters will include balloon modelling and face painting.

Norman Bolster, the council's lead member for economic development, said: "We are delighted with how well the redevelopment has been received by traders and the public.

"I hope next month's event will prove as popular as last year's, encouraging people down to see what the area has to offer.

"It's not often you get the chance of a free afternoon out and, with so much going on, I'd defy anyone not to find something they enjoy."

There are more than 120 shops in the area and many of them will be offering samples of food and drink.

Old Town Association chairman June Irani, of Café 6 in Church Lan, said: "New businesses have started up since last year's Old Town Party – such as the Artery, Fancy That and the Old Auctioneer, which all add value to the old town, so the party should be even better."

Local councillor Norman Bolster

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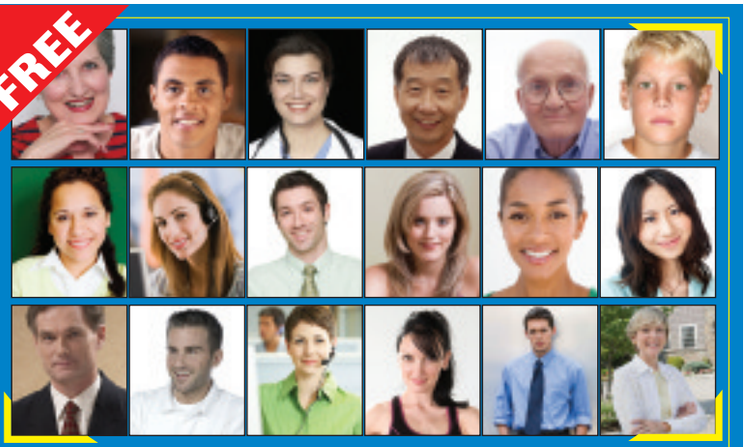

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Inspired by Sabins

BANBURY'S father and son duo, Andrew and Lloyd Sabin made it a family affair as they put on a century stand in their Division 1 match at Tring Park on Saturday.

But Banbury's attempt to pull off an unlikely victory were scuppered by the rain.

When the game was abandoned as a draw, Tring were struggling at 40-4 in pursuit of their victory target of 202.

The day belong to the Sabins, who made light of the damp conditions after Tring had invited them to bat first.

The pair added 129 for the first wicket, with teenager Lloyd the dominant partner.

The youngster scored 77 off 119 balls with ten fours, before he was first out.

Ed Phillips did not last long, while Andrew Sabin eventually departed at 152, having made 56 off 115 balls with five fours.

With their overs reduced to 51 by a rain interruption, Banbury eventually reached 201-3 following a final flourish from Ian Tew and Richard West.

Veteran seamer Simon Stanway was the only Tring bowler to command respect, conceding just 35 runs from his 16 overs.

Lance Shaw, the Auckland seamer making his debut for Banbury, struck an early blow dismissing Tring opener Peter Handscomb, caught by Lloyd Sabin.

Phillips then dismissed Leigh Tomlinson and Robin Pritchard in quick succession to make it 19-3.

When Shaw then had Michael Payne caught by Phil-lips, Banbury were sensing victory.

But almost immediately a storm arrived and forced the match to be abandoned.

BANBURY

A Sabin b Payne	56
L Sabin b Payne	77
E Phillips c Handscomb b Cherry	2
I Tew not out	33
R West not out	23
Extras	10
Total (3 wkts, 51 ovs)	201

Fall: 1-129, 2-138, 3-152.
Bowling: Stanway 16-5-35-0, Deal 7-2-26-0, Cherry 18-1-91-1, Payne 10-1-41-2.

TRING PARK

P Handscomb c Sabin b Shaw	5
L Tomlinson lbw Smith	1
R Pritchard c Sabin b Smith	3
M Payne c Phillips b Shaw	19
S Cherry not out	8
J Deal not out	0
Extras	4
Total (4 wkts, 10.1 ovs)	40

Fall: 1-6, 2-9, 3-19, 4-39.
Bowling: Shaw 5.1-0-10-2, Smith 5-0-28-2.

● Tring Park 6pts, Banbury 7

■ **CENTURY STAND:** Andy Sabin (left) and his son, Lloyd

STARS with Claire Petulengro

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Don't worry if a close one is acting a little strange, your ruling planet Venus will explain all in good time, but in the meantime get on with enjoying the fun that a younger person has gone out of their way to arrange for you. Leo's spell passion but be warned, they cannot commit long term. Call now to hear which sign is worthy of your heart.
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GEMINI May 21-Jun 20
Don't feel down if a friend has left you out of their plans. They may not think you have even noticed that they are doing things without you. In fact alternative plans hold the key to the breath of fresh air you are seeking and close ones are likely to have realised this by the bored expression on your face. Call now for solutions to work pressures.
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You don't seem to be able to keep your mind on anything for long and this restless frame of mind seems to link to a phone call that you are still waiting for. Well, why don't you get in touch with the person concerned yourself, they are unlikely to realise the urgency of your business together! Call now to reveal secrets about your future love life.
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LEO Jul 23-Aug 22
Time spent alone can offer you much wisdom on your situation. In fact you have a lot of decisions you must soon make and which you and you alone must decide upon, so take advantage and sort out the scramble your brain has been in of late. Gemini's hold the key to you moving up the ladder in your career. Call now for a long-term view on life and love.
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Don't let the stars fool you into thinking that a temporary offer could ever be a permanent one. See things and indeed people for what they are and realise your full potential. The world is your oyster and you seem to be the only one that hasn't noticed that yet Virgo. Call now to hear which sign can help you find that confidence you seek.
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Your pride is stopping you from accepting any help with your work but you may look more of a fool than a professional Scorpio. Don't forget offers you made last month or you could find yourself unprepared and with an array of faces on your doorstep. Call my starline now to hear why friends may soon turn into lovers for many of you Scorpio's.
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SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21
If you don't start to do some straight talking with a loved one then you are going to pass the point of return. It really is time to make up your mind, so make your choice and don't be influenced by friends whose lives you wouldn't want for your own anyway. Call my star line now to hear how you can boost your funds and your career in the weeks ahead.
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CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19
You are going to have to try and find a compromise with your work, which just doesn't seem to be giving you the satisfaction that you had hoped. A sign such as you really does need something that can balance with your home life so talk to a close one and find a new solution to suit all. Call now to hear why promotions are such a strong possibility.
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AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18
You cannot possibly continue to hide from your problems for if you do then they will only get worse, not better. Love ties are stronger than you thought, as you will soon discover when you try to make some sort of a break this weekend. Call my star line now to hear why this is such an exciting turning point for you in love.
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PISCES Feb 19-Mar 20
Yours is the face that people will be turning to with their secrets, but guard them well, as they are more explosive than you could imagine. Tests taken on Thursday or Friday can be passed with flying colours as the stars give you newfound light and wisdom. Call now to hear why your love life is set for such explosive news and events during July.
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Former barn offers the perfect retreat

Coldharbour Hall, on the market for £700,000

By Gill Oliver
Property Writer

A CONVERTED barn between Great Rollright and Swerford could make the perfect creative retreat, as it includes a music room, studio and wine store.

Coldharbour Hall, thought to date back to the 1800s, was converted by the current owners eight years ago.

It also has a 34ft drawing room, 27ft kitchen/diner and boot room, which agents say is large enough to be used as another studio.

The studio and music rooms overlook an inner courtyard area.

The master bedroom has an ensuite dressing room and wet room and there are two other bedrooms, both ensuite, plus a study area.

A 40ft garage block has storage above and there is also a second garage plus a workshop/studio.

The property has open fireplaces, a range cooker and views over surrounding countryside.

Harry Gladwin, of agents Knight Frank, said: "It has been finished to the highest standard with exceptional attention to detail both inside and out.

"The drawing room and kitchen/dining rooms provide superb spaces for entertaining and the garage, which is also finished to an exacting standard, offers an opportunity for other uses.

"It is set within some of Oxfordshire's most beautiful countryside and has stunning views from many rooms."

Coldharbour Hall is on the market for £700,000. For more information, or to arrange a viewing, contact agents Knight Frank on 01865 790077 or visit www.knightfrank.co.uk

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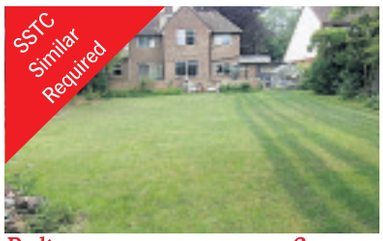

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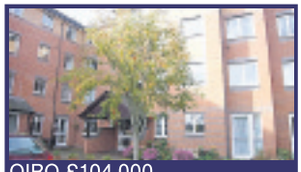

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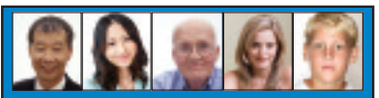

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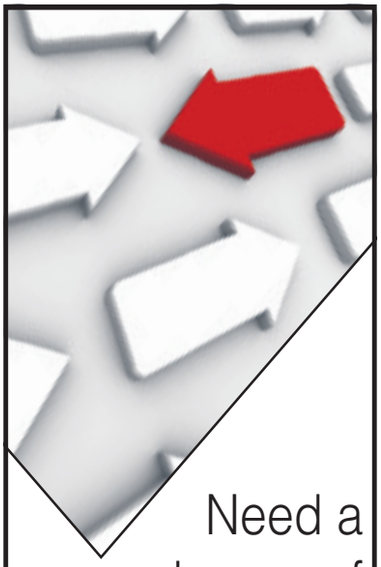

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Agile Juke appeals to young

FUNKY LOOKS: The Juke combines elements of 4x4 and sports car styling

By David Duffy

I do not possess a pair of kicks, hoodie, or a pair of boardshorts, so I felt distinctly unprepared to comment on a car that epitomises urban cool.

Anyone with a grey hair or two on their head is likely to feel equally anxious about hopping behind the wheel of a car so clearly aimed at the younger buyer.

Nissan says the plan with Juke was to offer a 'funky alternative' to a bland five-door hatchback and the styling, inside and out, certainly delivers that by the spadeful.

Externally, the Juke looks like an escapee from the follow-up to Disney's cartoon creation *Cars*.

The bottom half of the car, which sits up high off the ground, is sports utility vehicle, with chunky wheels, wide tyres and macho looks. But the top is pure sports car, with a high waistline, narrow side glass and a coupé-style roof. The coupé effect is underlined by rear doors which have their handles hidden in the door frame.

Inside, the sports car theme continues with a high-gloss centre console inspired by a motorcycle fuel tank.

But this is no creation of a maverick Japanese design team allowed to indulge their wildest urban car design fantasies. The Juke was created at Nissan Design Europe in the heart of London and is rolling off the production lines at Nissan's Sunderland plant.

And underneath the rebellious styling is a surprisingly roomy yet compact alternative to a run-of-the-mill supermini.

While it is undoubtedly playful, is also practical and fun to drive.

Light, and agile, and easy to manage on the move, the Juke is at home whirring along a motorway as it is slipping into tight city parking spots.

Engine choice starts with 117 horsepower 1.6-litre petrol and 110 horsepower 1.5-litre diesels and is topped by a 1.6-litre direct-injection turbocharged petrol model in both two- and four-wheel-drive.

The two-wheel-drive turbocharged 1.6-litre petrol engine is available with a six-speed manual, while the all-wheel-drive range-topper is mated to Nissan's automatic transmission.

My fears that I was simply too old to be allowed out and about in a Juke were confirmed by a caring B&Q cashier, who took one look at the huge sacks of compost I had stacked on my trolley, then glanced at my greying locks, and asked kindly: "Would you like a hand getting that to the car?"

Auto facts

Model: Nissan Juke Acenta Sport
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MINI ONE

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Rise in car accident claims during holiday season

It may be hard to believe that most traffic accidents occur during the warmer summer months. Whilst winter weather may bring a wide variety of challenging road conditions, from ice and snow, research shows that it is exactly drivers' decreased attention to road safety during summer that contributes to the increased number of incidents.

It's estimated that around seven million people make car journeys for UK holidays during bank holidays and the summer months. This high number of motorists, combined with cars crammed full of people and luggage, means road traffic accidents are more likely.

Summer is also the time for surface dressing as highways authorities improve local roads by laying tar covered with loose chippings. But while the work is necessary, it is the curse of motorists, causing damage to paintwork and headlamp glasses.

Banbury-based ChipsAway specialists David and Ed, said: "If you are unfortunate enough to have your car paintwork damaged by loose chippings or have a bump or scrape whilst travelling this summer – it does not necessarily mean you have the hassle and expense of claiming on your insurance to get it repaired. "ChipsAway is the UK's leading brand in minor automotive paintwork repairs, fixing damage such as scratches, bumper scuffs and kerbed alloys within a matter of hours and at a fraction of the cost of traditional body shop repair methods."

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